

# *St. Erconwald's Parish Magazine*



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## Editorial: Unity in Diversity



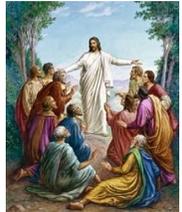
Welcome to the Pentecost edition of the magazine.

Hope you and your families have been keeping safe and well. You are in my thoughts and prayers, especially during the celebration of Mass.

As we come to the end of the Easter Season we look forward to celebrating together the Feast of Pentecost. The word 'Pentecost' was the name given to one of three principal feasts celebrated by the people of Israel. For them, the feast of Pentecost occurred fifty days after the Feast of Passover. The word 'Pentecost' in fact means fifty.

On this day the church celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit into the hearts and minds of the disciples.

The reading from John presents us with a very specific account of the outpouring of the Spirit: It is evening of Easter Sunday. The disciples are huddled behind locked doors in the 'Upper Room,' terrified that the authorities might come to take them away as collaborators with the recently executed Jesus. Suddenly the Risen Jesus is there among them. Jesus gives the disciples their formal commission.



"Go into the whole world; make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And behold I am with you always until the end of the ages." **And then he breathes on them, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit"**.



Prior to his coming they were living in hiding in the upper room. They were filled with fear and were gripped by a terrible sense of failure, uncertainty and inadequacy. A great task had been entrusted to them, yet they had neither the will nor the strength to begin it. On that day they experienced the fidelity of Jesus to his promise. They were suddenly overwhelmed by his love for them and trust in them. The

Holy Spirit launched them into the world to do the most exciting and worthwhile work of all - to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus and to preach his Gospel of salvation to all people.

The apostles were changed at Pentecost but, we should not think that all this change happened in one day. Growth is a gradual thing. But we can say that Pentecost began it. We know that same Spirit descended on us at our Baptism and Confirmation. In Confirmation we are sealed by the Holy Spirit to work FOR and WITH others.



While the situation has now changed, [the challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly, and we are returning to a “new normal”], we need to accept that some members of our congregation still do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. For this reason, we will continue to wear a face covering and sanitise our hands when we come to

Church. Doors will remain open for ventilation. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. We will also continue to live-stream our services. Please do look at our website and the [churchservices.tv/wembley3](https://churchservices.tv/wembley3) link to watch our Masses and other Services.

Since the Pandemic our community has changed. We have lost [either through death, or because of ill health, or because they have moved away to be nearer family] a number of parishioners who were very dedicated and supportive of the parish. We need to rebuild that dedication and support with new members.



The Pandemic has given us a golden opportunity to re-evaluate our understanding of what being a Church really means. Our lives will never be the same again. Time and experience have moved us on. We need to be a Church of renewal, of hope,



healing and comfort. We need to pause and think what we have learned as a result of these recent experiences. One of the things which we need to rebuild is the importance of and sense of community, which was one of our strengths before the Pandemic.



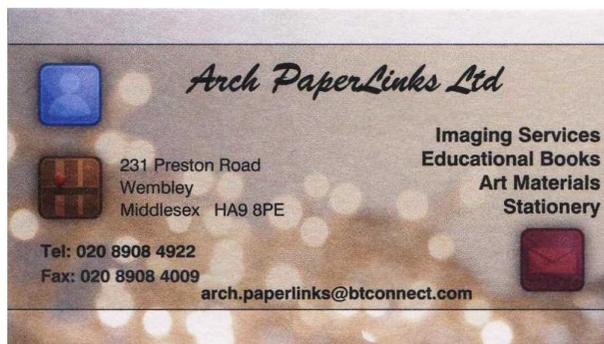
As Church, we are called to reflect unity and diversity. We are not called to uniformity. Unity presumes diversity and a variety of gifts and talents and responsibilities. Each member of the Christian community is to be aware of his or her gift. This gift indicates the role the member must play in building up the whole Body, the whole community. Each one of us is called and equipped by the Holy Spirit to carry out the great commission with which Jesus has entrusted each of us. We each play our own unique role in growing the church, nurturing each other as disciples and serving the community.

“As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.” [Bishops Conference: “Returning to Mass at Pentecost”]

Once again, thank you for your support.

With prayerful wishes for you all.

Yours Sincerely





From the Parish  
Comings and Goings  
Please remember in your prayers



We welcome and congratulate those who have been baptised here recently, and their families: Morgan Malachi White; Aidan Osita Asika; Jason Chidubem Chukwu and Joshua Chukwuebuka Chukwu.

We welcome and congratulate: Lilla Powell, and Danica Hines who were initiated into our community at the Easter Vigil.

Congratulations and best wishes to all those couples who are celebrating their marriage anniversaries and to Valentina and George Toon who celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



**CALLED  
to SERVE  
the SICK**

Of your charity, please keep all the sick and housebound in your thoughts and prayers. We remember especially those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House, during the Summer months.

May the Lord Jesus bless, console and strengthen all the sick, and may Mary, health of the sick, intercede for them.

*The Art of Dying Well* is a web site of the Church in England and Wales that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues surrounding death and dying. For more information visit: [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org)

The Art of Dying Well

Prayer for the Dying



Our sympathies to the families of those departed: Delia Bridget Sheehan; Jeremiah Patrick O'Shea; Mary Theresa Roberts; Denis Herbert Hughes; Violet Coffey; Selita Bostock; Ghela Vandra; Joseph Tomusinge; Krzysztof Warzych; Rose Thevathasan; Miguel Bias; Bridie Stapleton; Sheila Miitchell; Maura Clerkin; Katherine Harris; Caridade and Remedios Pereira.

## Eugene's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

Penny Donetti



The Donetti family were delighted to be able to celebrate Eugene's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> May. We had hoped that Eugene would be able to attend Mass which was offered for his intentions on his birthday, but unfortunately he wasn't feeling up to it so Anthony, Philip and me gathered around the television to watch. It was a lovely Mass and made even more special when the congregation sang Happy Birthday to Eugene and waved to him through the camera on their way out! The wonders of technology!!

Fr. Anthony brought the family Communion and anointed each of us which was very special for us especially for Eugene. Later that day we sang Happy Birthday to him again and he blew out his candles, bringing to an end a very happy day.

Thank you so much for all the cards and good wishes, it meant a lot to Eugene who I think, safe to say, is St. Erconwald's oldest Parishioner.



## Andrew's Retirement



We would like to wish Andrew Hollingsworth of *The Passage*, a very happy retirement following his announcement on 29th April 2022 that he was retiring after 39 years of service. Andrew has been making the Christmas Passage Appeal here in St, Erconwald's for many years and collected all our donations for *The Passage*.

Andrew intends to help *The Passage* out in a voluntary basis. We hope to see him again this coming Advent for the Passage Appeal!!



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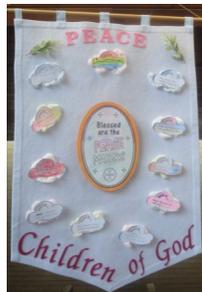
Answers to the Bible Quiz: St. Paul



For our First Holy Communion programme this year we have twelve children who will make their First Communion on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

This years' First Holy Communion Programme commenced in October and has continued since then with classes for the children, meetings with Fr. Anthony for the parents, and Masses linked to the themes of the classes and meetings.

In their classes the children prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by discussing what it means to do something wrong and how we can always make it better by being truly sorry and trying hard to stop doing things that are wrong and hurting others and ourselves. As Fr. Anthony reiterates every year this is the children's first confession and not the first and last. On 5<sup>th</sup> March the "Link Mass" included a Service of Reconciliation with the children making their first Reconciliation on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The children were excited but a little apprehensive before the Sacrament but all smiling and excited after making their first Reconciliation and felt "much better", "like a new person" and "really happy" to quote a few of the children. Fr. Anthony lit a candle with each child after their Reconciliation making the occasion even more special for each one. A very interesting question from one of the children was: how do I know my sins have been forgiven? A reminder to all of us as well as the children that on receipt of Holy Orders Fr. Anthony was given the power to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ and to forgive sins in the name of God.



During the lessons, the children worked also on the banners which are displayed in the Church. These banners show the topics they covered. Do have a look at the wonderful work the children have created.

They are also doing some wonderful writing on the themes of the lessons as well as adding colourful and creative drawings and montages in their scrapbooks at home following their lessons; these will be a lovely reminder of their lessons when the programme is completed.

The First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th June 2022 will no doubt be a blessed and joyful experience for the children and their families as they receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first (but not the last!) time followed by a celebration in the Parish hall. The children and their families have been invited to attend the Parish Mass on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, at the 5.30pm Mass, the feast of Corpus Christi so the wider Parish members can celebrate with them.

Please keep the children, their families and their catechists in your prayers: Kianna Bakker, Sophia Boyne, Hayden Charles Osuman, Simone Conibert, Kian Fernandes, Rodrigo Fernandes Da Veiga, Jonathan Harah, Jessica Ismail, Avelina Li Yuin Leong, Maya Logo, Tianna Rodrigues and Jaylan Anthony Travasso.



**Traffic cop's mercy:** A priest was forced by a police officer to pull over for speeding. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the priest said to him, "*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy*" [Matthew 5.7]. The police officer handed the priest the ticket, and said, "*Go, and sin no more*" [John 8.11].

Back at the start of the Pandemic in 2020 we took the decision to cancel this celebration with a heavy heart, wondering if we were over reacting to the then current news of a Pandemic. As it happens it was a good call. This year as we started to come out of the extreme measures adopted during the Pandemic and started "to live with Covid" we were once again faced with the same decision.



It felt right that the first parish celebration should be the last one cancelled, coming full circle if you like. So, it was on Sunday, 9th March that we once again held our St. Patrick's Bacon & Cabbage Celebration in honour of the Patron Saint of Ireland. The committee decided to limit the numbers to 60 this year, to allow for more space. Tickets sold fairly fast.



The afternoon turned out to be a most enjoyable one. It was wonderful to see the Hall full of old friends catching up after two years of uncertainty, loneliness and in some case loss of loved ones. We were able to support one another as a community once again. As people were seated, the plates of hot Bacon, Cabbage and Spuds started to be served. Followed by apple crumble with custard/

cream. The hall buzzed with the sound of voices.

We were most fortunate to have George Harte entertaining us with live music and song. There were even some people up dancing. Selwyn was behind the bar and there was the opportunity to enjoy an Irish Coffee or simply a cup of tea/coffee along with a piece of tea brack.

The time flew and soon it was the time for the raffle; it's compulsory at all St. Erconwald's Celebrations. Patricia, had been busy working throughout the event and we had a good number of prizes. First prize was a choice between Irish Breakfast Hamper or an Irish Afternoon Tea Hamper, the winners were delighted with the contents.



After the raffle Caroline Horan gave the thank you speeches and then it was down to clearing up. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and it gave a sense of normality once again. All this was possible thanks to great team effort. Thanks go to the kitchen staff who worked wonders in the small kitchen, Eileen J., Mary & Barbara. Thanks also to Selwyn, Agatha, Caroline, Pauline, Eileen O'C, Patricia, Pat & Eva and everyone who helped prior to and on the day itself, those who donated prizes for the raffle, all who attended or bought raffle tickets, special thanks to George for the music, many people commented on the great music and last but not least thanks to Fr. Anthony for all his help and support.



### St Patrick's Day Mass 17th March 2022



Thank you to Fr. Anthony from the Irish Community for Celebrating St. Patrick's Day Mass for us especially as it was his day off; it was really appreciated.

At the end of a lovely Mass Fr. Anthony blessed the Shamrock (this was a bonus as it is the first time, we were able to acquire Shamrock since Brexit). Thanks to Tom for preparing the Shamrock. Following the distribution of the Shamrock, people were invited to the hall for tea / coffee and Irish biscuits.

Thank you to all who helped.

## Lent and Easter Services 2022

How wonderful it was to celebrate both Lent and Easter Services normally once again, with no capacity limits. It was wonderful to see so many Parishioners back in church.



We started our Lenten season with Shrove Tuesday and we were able to invite people to the hall to enjoy pancakes and tea/coffee for the first time since the pandemic.

Ash Wednesday saw the return of the traditional Ash Crosses traced on our foreheads as the Minister said "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" unlike the previous year when ashes were sprinkled on our heads as we left Church. There is a comfort in familiarity.

During Lent Stations of the Cross were prayed each morning before Mass and on Friday evening. On Wednesday after morning Mass there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection on "Encountering the Spirit" followed by Benediction.



Maundy Thursday: It was lovely to see the Altar Servers once again, assisting Fr. Anthony, with the "Washing of Feet", reintroduced after an absence of two years. This year we were once again given the opportunity to "Watch" at the Altar of Repose in the Hall. An opportunity availed of by many Parishioners.



On Good Friday, it was decided to continue with three services, similar to last year's, in order to relieve the large numbers at the 3.00pm Liturgy. The format was The Reading of the Passion according to John, Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. Following the morning "Family Service" many joined in the "Walk of Witness" which took place again after two-year absence. The Solemn Liturgy at 3.00pm included a Prayer for Ukraine and Russia during the Solemn Intercessions.

Holy Saturday: Parishioners were invited to come to Church in the morning for the setting up of the Easter Garden and to prepare the Church for the Easter Services. Thankfully there was a good response to the request. Thanks to all, who gave of their time.

The Easter Vigil was well attended. The Blessing of the Fire and the lighting of the Easter Candle took place outside the main entrance to the Church. Following the lighting of the Easter Candle, Fr. Anthony and the Altar Servers led the procession into the Church followed by the congregation who lit their candles from the same Easter Candle. When all had taken their places, Monica sang the Exsultet, she has to be commended for the beautiful rendition which added to the solemn and joyous celebration. The Liturgy of the Word Followed.



The Baptismal Liturgy which included the Blessing of the Baptismal Water, the Baptism of Lilla Powell, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling of Baptismal Water, again in use. Danica Hines was then Received into the Church and Confirmed. During Communion Lilla and Danica made their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to both Lilla and Danica. As the Choir and Congregation sang the rousing "Thine Be the Glory" an air of joy prevailed. As the Congregation

left they were offered eggs and prayer cards. Easter Sunday Celebration saw a greater number of younger members of our congregation. Easter eggs and Prayer cards were distributed after this Mass.

At the end of Mass, there was one other duty to perform before we all dispersed and that was to draw the winning tickets for the Easter Raffle. The 1<sup>st</sup> Prize was an Easter Hamper and there were many Easter baskets. The majority of the winners were in Church and the prizes that were left were collected over the following couple of weeks. Thank you to all who donated prizes, and those who bought tickets. We also thank the anonymous donor who provided the Easter Eggs. All raffle proceeds went to the Church Refurbishment Fund.



The Triduum and Easter Services would not have been the joyous celebrations they were without the help of so many people. Thank you to all who carried out a Ministry during our wonderful Services: Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharist Ministers, Cross Bearers, those who helped decorate the Church. Special thanks to Monica and the choir, their beautiful singing and plain chant added to the spirituality of all the Services. We have been most fortunate that Monica and her family have joined our Parish family. Thanks also to our stewards and cleaners who have been our mainstay for the past few years and still continue in their work. Last but not least thanks to Fr. Anthony for all he has done, it has not been an easy year for him. We also think of Joseph, Fr. Anthony's brother, always a familiar face around our Parish and he has helped out in so many ways over the years, we wish him a speedy recovery. Please keep him in your prayers.

All this work would have been in vain if the Congregation was missing so welcome home to all who felt able to return as time goes on we hope to see more people return. Sadly, not everyone is able to make it to Mass and if you are unwell it is wise not to attend but you are most welcome to join us on live stream, similarly if you have moved out of the Parish it's always a way of keeping in touch.

### **Choir Appeal**

Monica and her choir would welcome more members. If you play an instrument or like singing please see Monica after the Sunday morning Mass.



## Wembley Churches Together “Walk of Witness”



Wembley Churches Together i.e. St. Augustine Church, Church of The Ascension, Church of The Annunciation, Sudbury Methodist Church, United Reform Church and St Erconwald's Church held the Good Friday "Walk of Witness" in Preston Road on 15th April 2022, after an absence of two years. The weather was glorious more like a mid - summer day than April.

The “Walk” started from St Erconwald's Church on Carlton Avenue East. People arrived at 10.30am and following a short reading we set off at 10.45am. Leading the “Walk” the Cross Bearers carried the huge wooden Cross belonging to St. Erconwald's Church.

The route was, via the pavements, up Preston Road as far as The Avenue, a short pause before crossing over, and returning on the opposite side of the road to the Green opposite "The Preston" pub for our act of worship. Each Church provided a Steward to guide walkers across the roads, as the Police were unable to provide an officer.



Once we reached the Green opposite The Preston, a Reader from each Church read a passage from The Passion and Hymns were sung. After the service, all dispersed in silence. The Cross was returned to St. Erconwald's and placed at the back of the Church ready for the 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy.

The “walk” generally attracts attention although it is a "silent walk". There were approx. 80 - 90 people participating. You feel that you truly are a witness to Our Lord's journey to Calvary; it is hard to describe the feeling. It is like a mini pilgrimage, poignant due to it being Good Friday and uplifting as you are with so many other Christians professing a belief that Jesus died for us so that we might live.



Perhaps next Good Friday you might like to join this “Walk” and see for yourself.

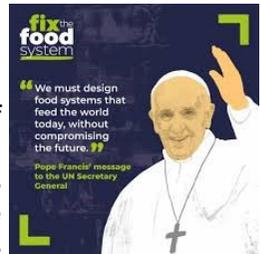
Finally, a word of thanks to Cllr. Daniel Kennelly, for organising with the Council, to have the Green cleaned prior to the service.



You may have noticed that there are increasing shortages when you are buying food. Frustrating perhaps, but not life threatening. But there are also food shortages elsewhere in the world which are having a real impact and putting lives at risk. Our small problems may perhaps cause us to pause and think about the global food system including our own consumption and its impact on the food chain.

These concerns have led to CAFOD launching a campaign to fix our food system.

To feed the current global population, we need to produce 3.7 billion tonnes of food per year. But the world is currently producing much more than this: 4 billion tonnes per year and despite this around 800 million people go hungry every day, and of these, the majority are the ones who are growing the actual food. This current global food system is dominated by large-scale commercial agriculture which does very little to address the climate crisis and is not designed for ensuring long-term food security, as it leaves countries vulnerable to the unpredictability of global markets.



This system is also accelerating the climate crisis: one third of global greenhouse gases are generated from the ways we grow, process, transport, consume and waste food and 71% of those greenhouse gases come from land use change; forests help to mitigate climate change as trees store carbon and in the soil around them. But in order to fulfil the demands for crops or meat for export,



huge areas of forests and rainforests are destroyed to make land available for rearing cattle or for growing crops such as soya to feed the animals that we intend to eat. Another way in which the current global food system is contributing to the climate crisis is by promoting the over-use of synthetic chemicals such as nitrogen fertiliser.





The root causes of these problems arise from the unequal concentration of power in the hands of a few big businesses and institutions acting in their own interests. Priority is given to profitable crops for exports primarily geared towards the needs of Western diets, not towards the livelihood or nutritional needs of the local populations from where these crops originate.

CAFOD is campaigning to redress the balance since small-scale farming goes a long way to reducing poverty as it is two to four times more effective than other sectors in raising incomes among the poorest people. Small farmers are highly efficient too. They produce around 35% of global food production on just 12% of the land. They also usually produce a wider diversity of crops than larger farms. This contributes to a more nutritious diet, and also to ecological diversity which is so important for tackling the climate crisis. Despite this transformational potential of agro-ecology to tackle the climate crisis and reduce poverty, it does not yet have a central place in UK international development policies nor in its climate strategy. But 2022 is a year of opportunity during which the UK government can support transformational action on food systems as it still holds the Climate Talks COP Presidency until the end of the year.

Make a difference by:

1. Finding out more: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Food-8-things-you-didn-t-know>

2. Signing the petition to the Foreign Secretary to implement our COP26 promises: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Fix-the-food-system>

3. Adoption of a more sustainable lifestyle [which could include recycling, reducing waste, adopting sustainable dietary habits (opting for a more plant-based diet and reducing meat consumption), greater use of public transport, active mobility (walking, cycling), and avoiding single use items (e.g. plastic, etc.). Contacting your pension fund trustees and asking them to divest from Fossil fuels]



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beyond reach

The spring and first half of the summer term have been as usual, a very busy time. We have particularly enjoyed preparing for the special Platinum Jubilee.



### World Book Day March 2022

The children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by sharing their favourite book and reading stories from different cultures to different year groups. Our annual parade was spectacular as always!



### World Maths Day

Children came up with some very creative costumes as part of our World Maths Day events. The children enjoyed participating in investigations, puzzles and problem solving activities.



### CAFOD Ukrainian Collection

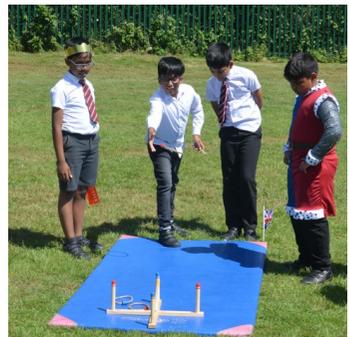
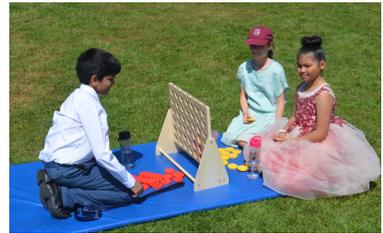
The School Council organised a blue and yellow day to support the CAFOD collection for Ukraine. They raised a magnificent £767.02.



## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We had a variety of events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. We also had a 'Royal Gallery' for all of our families to visit across the week. The children enjoyed all activities immensely!

There were assemblies, competitions, designing crowns and coats of arms, burying time capsules and our prestigious dress as a monarch day. We had a party on the playing field in the afternoon, played some traditional games and enjoyed an ice cream!



*We wish Saint Erconwald's entire Parish a very happy  
Platinum Jubilee Celebration.*

*From all the Governors, Staff and Pupils at  
Saint Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools  
Wembley*

## Bible Quiz: St. Paul



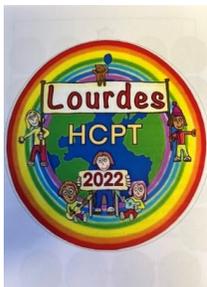
1. The Apostle Paul was born in what city?  
a. Nazareth, b. Jerusalem c. Ephesus, d. Tarsus
2. Paul was a citizen of:  
a. Greece, b. Palestine, c. Rome, d. Damascus
3. Paul (Saul) was present for the stoning of what early disciple of Jesus?  
a. John, b. Ananias, c. Stephen, d. Mark
4. What road was Paul traveling on when Jesus appeared to him?  
a. The Emmaus Road, b. The Roman Road, c. The Damascus Road, d. The Samaritan Road
5. What happened to Paul after Jesus finished speaking to him?  
a. He was completely deaf, b. He was completely blind, c. He slipped into a coma, d. He trembled violently for three days
6. Paul was sent to preach to:  
a. The Jews, b. The Romans, c. The Arabs, d. The Gentiles
7. Who did the people at Lystra think Paul and Barnabas were?  
a. Moses and Elijah, b. Gabriel and Michael, c. Jupiter and Mercurius, d. Casper and Wendy
8. Why were Paul and Silas thrown in a Philippian prison?  
a. For preaching against the Jews, b. They were falsely accused of stealing, c. For healing someone on the Sabbath, d. For casting out an evil spirit
9. In what city did Paul speak on the Areopagus?  
a. Rome, b. Athens, c. Alexandria, d. Tyre
10. Who fell out of a window when Paul was preaching?  
a. Tychicus, b. Syntyche, c. Eutychus, d. Crispus
11. On what island was Paul shipwrecked on his voyage to Rome?  
a. Malta, b. Cyprus, c. Sicily, d. Patmos



It has been a very busy start to the Summer Term at our school. It has also been very successful with our Lourdes Group, our Madrid links, our sports teams, our Choir and Fulham FC's promotion. However it has also been tinged with sadness.

I will start with the successes:

Our **Lourdes group travelled as part of HCPT** to the shrine of St



Bernadette and the Immaculate Conception during Easter Week. We took 7 children and 3 teachers and took a full part in all of the activities on offer. We prayed for you all at the Grotto, completed the Stations of the Cross, bathed in the water from the spring, attended Masses, travelled to the mountain village of Gavarnie in the Pyrenees, took part in the Torchlight Procession and enjoyed the Pilgrimage fully. Our children were wonderful ambassadors for

our school and we had a special presentation from HCPT to celebrate our 10 years anniversary.

We have also **travelled to our link school in Madrid (Colegio Miramadrid)** and we have re-established the links that existed pre-Covid, so that our children will be able to take part in a cultural exchange programme where they host children from Madrid and they then travel to Spain. It is a wonderful opportunity for so many of our Y6 children that they will love. Our teachers will also take part in an exchange programme where they will have the chance to teach abroad for 2 weeks in Madrid. We have links for all years groups that include pen-pals, newsletters each Term, a travelling teddy bear for Infants and many more ideas that are being developed and put into practice - very exciting times!

Our **sports' teams have achieved great success** this Term winning the Boys' and Girls' Football Cups in Y6, winning and coming as runners-up for our 2 Y5 teams in the Hockey Cup, our Y6 netball teams are in the Finals of that Cup, as are our Y6 Rugby teams. A very busy period as we return to normality in our school which the children love!

Our Choir took part in the **World Festival of Music** and sang at Harrow Arts' Centre to a packed audience who were very proud of the performance put on by their children.

Our Y6's have completed their **SATs exams** after working very hard to prepare for them. We await the results but I am sure that they have all done very well and will achieve what they deserve - hopefully great results!

Our school is a '**Fulham FC supporting community**' so we were all delighted when our team won the Championship gaining promotion to the Premier League. We celebrated by flying the flag outside our entrance and having a black and white day to celebrate!



We have had our **annual Grandparents' Day assembly**. It was really well attended by the people who play such a vital role in the lives of our children. We celebrate all that they do by inviting them into our school for special performances, then they go into their grandchildren's classes to see where they learn and we finish with tea/coffee and snacks.

We have opened our **new school garden** that provides sensory experiences for our children. It will provide a gardening opportunity for all of our children as each year group has its own area for planting and growth. We also have opened **our new MUGA** court that provides opportunities to play basketball and to develop climbing skills - come and see them both in action!



We celebrated **St Bernadette's Feast day** with a whole school Mass in All Saints' Church. It is the first time that our whole community has been together for almost 3 years so it was a very special and emotional gathering. Hopefully this will return to being our normal approach to Mass from now on. Each year group also has their own Mass on a Friday which is also a lovely occasion.

In the Christmas Edition of the Magazine I told you all about a terrible car crash that killed 3 members of our community while they were in Romania. I am delighted to update you that **Matei**, the younger brother, has returned to our Reception class and has made a good recovery. He has returned with his dad and we are supporting them as they try to re-build their lives here in our community. We have also been joined by **2 families who have had to escape the war in Ukraine**. They have been made very welcome and we are trying to support them as much as we can, in the hope that one day they will be able to return to their homes after experiencing a touch of kindness in England.

However as I mentioned this half-Term has also seen tremendous sadness. **Mr. Prindiville**, the Headteacher at St Gregory's and CEO of our Multi-Academy Trust, has had a cardiac arrest and almost died recently. Miraculously he has survived and as I write this he appears to be on the path to recovering. He has no brain damage and he has been taken out of the intensive care unit. He is a very fit man and well-loved and respected locally so we hope and pray that he makes a full recovery as soon as possible. Please remember Andy and his family in your prayers at this difficult time.



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TAKE-AWAY



O'Toole walked into the chemist.

"I'd like a bar of soap, please," he said to the lady behind the counter.

"Do you want it scented?" she asked.

"No, thanks," O'Toole replied. "I'll take it with me now."

PROOF

Man on market stall; "Buy a paper barometer, madam. Only one euro each."

Lady (after buying one): "How does it work?"

"Just put it on the window-sill and when its wet you'll know it's raining!"

DANCE

Wee Jimmy asked his father, "Dad, what are the Russian Steppes?"

"You'd better ask your sister," he replied. "She knows all the new dances."



NO ANSWER

"Why didn't you come yesterday to fix the bell?" asked the angry lady.

"You must've been out when I called," the new workman replied.

"I rang three times and got no answer."

LONG ABSENCE

"You've a lot of history to make up, now, Jimmy. How long have you been absent?" asked the teacher.

"Please sir," Jimmy replied, "since the French Revolution."



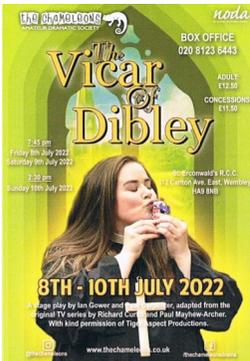
RIDDLE

What's the definition of a good actor?

Somebody who tries to be everything but himself.

## The Vicar of Dibley

## The Chameleons



£10 a ticket? No, no, no.. . yes indeed!

The Vicar of Dibley comes to St Erconwald's this July with a special discount just for the congregation!

Your very own drama group, The Chameleons return to the stage with their first stage play in three years. We all need more laughter in our lives and what better way to entertain you than with the hilarious stage adaptation of this hugely successful TV series. This play by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter has been adapted from the original TV series by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer. We will be

performing with kind permission of Tiger Aspect Productions.

Dibley's Parish council, bullishly led by David Horton (Stuart Everett), are less than impressed by the arrival of their first female Vicar, Geraldine Granger (Rachel Spolander). Join us here in the hall between the 8th and 10th July to see if she can win them over with the help of her "super-keen" Verger, Alice Tinker (Catherine Waters).

If you loved the show you'll not be disappointed by this production with some of those oh so memorable moments. Laugh along as Alice and Hugo (Robert Spolander) grapple with their blossoming relationship, Owen Newitt (Kevin Palmer) with his Cows, Frank Pickle (Ted Blake) with his minutes and Letitia Cropley (Janet Davis) with some very unusual recipes. Oh, and as for Jim Trotter (Ben Parker), he'll be there, dithering away throughout. No, no, no.. . yes he will.

As always, you'll receive a warm welcome from The Chameleons with a Licensed Bar, two evening performances at 7.45pm ( Friday 8th/Saturday 9th) and an afternoon show at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th July.

If you'd like to come along, The Chameleons are offering all tickets to St Erconwald's for just £10 each. You can purchase in cash by speaking with Elizabeth directly or online at <http://www.thechameleons.co.uk/tickets/> using the discount code STERCS 10 [only applies to advance bookings, and not on the day of the performance].

We'll continue to respect and follow the very latest government guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable return to the theatre you know and love. See you at the show!



Sudbury & Wembley  
Dementia Carers Support Groups

After a gap of 2 years, one month and 18 days (i.e. 778 days) the Dementia Carers Support Group resumed its meetings in the Parish Hall on Monday 25 April.

I did not really know what to expect from the first meeting, and it took me back to the very first meeting I organised. Would anyone be interested? How many would attend? In the end it was as if nothing had happened in the intervening period, with carers coming to share their stories and gain insights.

Sometimes I am asked why do I run this carers support group. Perhaps the best way I can answer this is that we family carers (some of us now former carers) have a lot in common, including the following:

- none of us expected our loved ones to be living with dementia
- none of us expected to be a carer
- none of us knew anything about dementia and how it would affect our loved ones
- none of us knew anything about how dementia would impact on our relationships within the family and with friends
- none of us knew anything about how dementia would impact on our own working lives
- none of us knew about the mental, physical and emotional pressures we were facing and would continue to face in the future
- none of us knew anything about the intricacies of the GP and NHS system, Social Services and benefits system, and finally
- none of us expected to meet each other.

If you know of anyone who supports a family member or friend living with dementia please let them know about the support group. Even if the person they support has not received a diagnosis — which is often the biggest hurdle — help is available.

Finally, I would like to thank Fr Anthony and Elizabeth for being so helpful and accommodating to enable the group to continue.



*I Said a Prayer for You Today.*

*I said a prayer for you today  
and know God must have heard.*

*I felt the answer in my heart  
although He spoke no word.*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame,  
I know He would not mind.  
I asked Him to send treasures  
of a far more lasting kind.*

*I asked that He'll be near you  
at the start of each new day  
to grant you health and blessings  
and friends to share the way.*

*I asked for happiness for you  
in all things great and small.  
But it was for his loving care,  
I prayed for most of all.  
Thank you Jesus.*



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Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm; Sunday: 10.00am

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 4.30 - 5.00pm

**HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION:** Wednesday 10.00-11.00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9.30am.